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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

15 In response to the first Office Action mailed on July 02, 2003, please amend the  
16 above referenced utility patent application. A CPA continuation application is hereby  
17 submitted along with a new filing fee and a Petition for Three Month Extension of time.

18 Amendment to the Specification begins on page 1 of this paper.

19 Amendment to the Claims are reflected on the listing of Claims which begins on page  
20 \_\_ of this paper.

21 Remarks/Arguments being on page \_\_ of this paper.

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This is a request for filing a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> continuation or <input type="checkbox"/> divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number <u>10/075,210</u> filed on <u>2/12/2002</u> and entitled: <b>BODY SUPPORTING, SERIAL INFLATING SEAT</b>					
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application. 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment is enclosed. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This application is being filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4). a. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DELETE</b> the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:					
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7. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No.

- ☐ fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
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8. ☒ A check in the amount of      \$385.00      is enclosed.

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- a. ☐ PTO-1449
- b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 USC 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

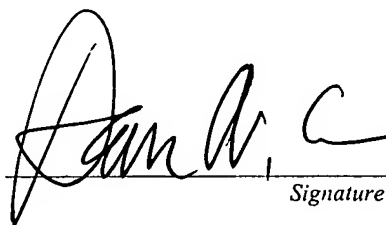
**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a).

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